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SUBJECT: SENEGAL ASSERTS CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO BANTUSTANS

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1. SUMMARY: SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR RECEIVED
BOPHUTHATSWANA "MINISTER OF HEALT" T.M. MOLATHWA JUNE 14
IN MEETING PUBLICIZED IN SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS. FOLLOWING
AFP JULY 17 STORY ON VISIT,
SENEGALESE MINISTRIES OF INFORMATION AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS
HAVE BOTH MADE STATEMENTS BELATEDLY DENYING THAT MEETING
HAD OFFICIAL CHARACTER AND ASSERTING CONTINUATION
OF STRONG SENEGALESE OPPOSITION TO BANTUSTAN POLICY VOICED
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IN PAST. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT SENGHOR RECEIVED DELEGATION HEADED BY
MOLATHWA JUNE 14. FOLLOWING DAY'S LOCAL PRESS
REPORTED AUDIENCE, IDENTIFIED VISITOR AS "THE HONORABLE
MOLATHWA, MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF
BOPHUTHATSWANA," AND CARRIED PHOTOGRAPH OF MEETING TAKEN

IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

3. HOWEVER, WHEN QUESTION CAME UP AT JULY 20 PRESS CONFERENCE, SENEGALESE MINISTER OF INFORMATION DAOUDA SOW STATED THAT MEETING WAS IN NO WAY ENDORSEMENT OF BANTUSTAN POLICY, BUT RATHER WAS IN FRAMEWORK OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN A SOUTH AFRICAN BLACK PERSONALITY AND A CHIEF OF STATE OF AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY. HE REITERATED SENEGALESE CONCURRENCE WITH OAU POSITION THAT DIALOGUE WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH AFRICA MUST BEGIN BETWEEN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF.

4. STATEMENT BY SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER ASSANE SECK FOLLOWED JULY 21 REFERRING TO JULY 17 AFP STORY ON MATTER AND EXPLAINING THAT AUDIENCE "HAD A STRICTLY PRIVATE CHARACTER AND THERE WAS NOT A QUESTION AT ANY TIME OF TALKS WITH AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION AND A FORTIORI WITH A SO-CALLED BANTUSTAN MINISTER OF HEALTH." STATEMENT SAID SENGHOR "SIMPLY APPLIED ON THIS OCCASION A PRINCIPLE DEAR TO SENEGALESE PEOPLE...WHO DESIRE THAT SENEGAL BE A HOSPITABLE LAND FOR ALL AFRICANS." IT CONCLUDED WITH REITERATION THAT SENEGALESE POLICY ON BANTUSTANS "WAS DEFINED WITHOUT AMBIGUITY BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND THAT THERE WAS NEVER A QUESTION FOR SENEGAL TO RECOGNIZE WHATEVER BANTUSTAN."

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5. COMMENT: SENEGALESE LEFT THEMSELVES WIDE OPEN ON THIS ONE BY INITIALLY PUBLICIZING STRONG IMPLICATION THAT MOLATHWA HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN MINISTERIAL CAPACITY. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN NO DOUBT OF SENEGAL'S OPPOSITION IN PRINCIPLE TO BANTUSTANS. POSITION WAS SPELLED OUT UNMISTAKABLY BY PRIME MINISTER DIOUF IN TELEVISED STATEMENT LATE LAST YEAR CALLING ON "ALL PEACE- AND JUSTICE- LOVING NATIONS TO ABSTAIN FROM ALL RELATIONS WITH ALLEGED 'BANTUSTAN' STATES" (76 DAKAR A-118).
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